are State subjects. The primary responsibility for maintenance of law and order thus directly devolves on the State Governments. Nevertheless, the Central Government remains in touch with the State Governments and constantly monitors and reviews the situation. As and when necessary, suitable assistance is provided to the State Governments.

It is, therefore, for the concerned State Governments to take preventive action in the matter.

Rating of serials shown on Doordarsban

238. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the ratings of serials shown on Doordarshan recently and currently;

(b) which serials presently being shown have been given extension and to what extent; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE, IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY); (a) The all India average viewership rating of 10 top serials telecast on the national network at different time slots during the last three months, as per audience panel surveys, was as follows:

Name of the serial	Viewer-ship percentage
Gul Gusshan Gulfam	59
Param Vir Chakra	57
Maila Anchal	56
Kaba Gave Wo Log	54
Aakhari Dav	53
Chunni .	53
Manzil .	51
The Sword of Tipu Sultan	51
Sambandh	51

(b) and (c) TV serials Gul Gulshan Gulfam' and the 'Sword of Tipu Sultan', which are currently being telecast, have been given extension by 13 and 20 episodes respectively. In both the cases, it was felt that more episodes were required for programme considerations.

Demand for Jharkhand State

239. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a growing demand for the Jharkhand State by militant groups;

(b) if so, whether Government have any proposal to establish autonomous council for the Jharkhand region; and

(c) if so, by when the said proposal is likely to take effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) Some organisations have been articulating the demand for Jharkhand State. After the submission of report by the Committee on Jharkhand Matters, interaction has taken place with a number of political parties of Bihar with a view to find ways and means for a viable solution to the Jharkhand issue.